



## NOVICE DOG TALENT SHOW TITLE REQUIREMENTS

### **Part 1: Five sequences of 2 Novice level tricks each**

For this section please record a short separate videoclip for each of the 5 sequences.

Each of the sequences need to include 2 Novice level tricks from any of the talent pathways (Thinker, Performer, Athlete, Helper). Instead of the suggested tricks you can use your own tricks, but they need to be on the same level of complexity or higher. If in any doubt please contact us first. You can combine tricks from different talent pathways in the same sequence.

Please do not use exactly the same trick more than once, but it is OK if it is performed in a different way. For example, you can use jumping through a hoop and jumping through handler's arms. Though both of the tricks involve jumping through a circle, they are different tricks as each requires some specific training.

The transition from one trick to another in the sequence should be fluid and without undue delay or hesitation.

### **Part 2: Perform 5 tricks with props**

Choose any Novice level tricks from any of the talent pathways or your own. If using your own tricks please make sure they are on the Novice level of difficulty or above. If in any doubt please contact us first.

For props you can use any household objects, tools, musical instruments, clothes, sports equipment, re-cycled or re-purposed objects etc. Please do not use dog agility or obedience equipment. You can re-use the props.

### **Part 3: Perform 2 sequences of 5 different tricks each. One of the tricks in each sequence needs to include a prop.**

Choose any Novice level tricks from any of the talent pathways or your own. If using your own tricks please make sure they are on the Novice level of difficulty or above. If in any doubt please contact us first.

Only one trick in the sequence needs to include a prop. You can have a prop for other tricks in the same sequence or they can be performed without a prop. You can re-use the props, but please use different tricks from those in Part 2 of this submission, or perform them differently.

The transition from one trick to another in the sequence should be fluid and without undue delay or hesitation. You do not need to perform the sequences one straight after the other. Each can be recorded separately and does not need to be recorded on the same day or even the same place.

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### Other key rules and requirements:

1. All behaviours or tricks need to be taught using a **positive approach** and the dog should clearly enjoy performing them.
2. Handler must ensure the **safety** of the dog and the people around at all times. All tricks need to be performed in a safe area where dogs are allowed. The handler needs to assist the dog and stop any tricks that may cause any harm to the dog, people or the environment. If your dog has any disabilities, then contact DogTalent Association in advance to discuss and agree an amended list of tricks/ requirements to accommodate your dog.
3. The **handler must be ready to spot or support the dog at any point**. For safety reasons some of the behaviours may need to be performed on a harness and lead to allow more effective support. Any jumping has to be done safely and only at appropriate height to the dog and never higher than 2 dog's shoulder heights. Avoid asking your dog to jump higher than a dog's shoulder height on any hard surface. You may need to reduce those heights further for young, old dogs or for health reasons. Plan all tricks with your dog's health in mind.
4. Both the **handler and the dog need to be fully visible** in each video for the whole duration of the assessed behaviour. Each video must not be manipulated, edited and need to have the original sound track. The only editing allowed is trimming the start and the end of the video.
5. **No physical manipulation of the dog** in the position is allowed during the behaviour. Dog needs to perform all tricks willingly and independently. **No harsh dog handling or correction** is allowed at any time.
6. Hand shaping is allowed, but **no treats or toys can be used as lures** to perform the behaviour. Treats and other rewards can be given after the trick is completed. When performing the sequence of behaviours the reward can be given after completion of the sequence.
7. **Handler must not touch the dog** in order to entice the dog to perform the behaviour, unless the dog has some physical restriction or disability requiring the handler to touch the dog.
8. The handler needs to **aim to give only one command or a verbal command and a visual cue**. Either a verbal command or a visual cue may be repeated once more for no more than a quarter of the assessed behaviours. If the dog routinely requires more than one repetition of the command, or the cue, or both, then more work needs to be done before the dog is ready for the title submission.
9. The videoclips **do not need to be recorded on the same day** or in one take/place.
10. Both the dog and the handler should respect the environment, people around them and present a **positive and inspirational example** of a partnership.
11. **All behaviours and tricks are performed at your own risk** and the Dog Talent Association or anyone associated with it are not liable in any way whatsoever for any harm or injury, or potential injury. The Handler has full responsibility for assessment and management of any risks, suitability, safety and harm prevention.

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